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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

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1. FOR BONN: BECAUSE OF SADAT VISIT AND COMMITMENTS TO
BRIEF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON MOSCOW TALKS, SECRETARY
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VANCE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN
CHARGE. HE HAS ASKED DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER TO DE-
LIVER COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE ON HIS BEHALF. DECISION TO HOLD
MEETING AT DEPUTY SECRETARY LEVEL DOES NOT REPRESENT
DIMINUTION OF IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO DEMARCHE BUT SIMPLY
REFLECTS IMPOSSIBILITY OF FINDING TIME IN THE SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE. YOU MAY INFORM FRG FONOFF OF ABOVE, POINTING OUT

THAT WE HOPE FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL BE ABLE TO MEET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR. YOU SHOULD ALSO REMIND HIM THAT WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH THEN SA AMBASSADOR BOTHA NAMIBIA WAS DISCUSSED.

2. DEPT WILL NOT DELIVER A SIGNED NOTE VERBALE TO SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE. AIDE MEMOIRE WILL BE INITIALED AS IS CUSTOMARY.

3. FOR CAPETOWN: SHOULD VORSTER PRESS YOU ON QUESTIONS SUGGESTED PARA 3 REF A, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT NATURE, LEVEL, AND LOCATION OF FURTHER TALKS ARE CONTINGENT ON

SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE.

4. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS THIS MATTER BRIEFLY WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES, PRIOR TO SEEING VORSTER. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE BEEN WARY IN NEW YORK OF BECOMING TOO SPECIFIC ON FORMATION AND DETAILS OF CONTACT GROUP UNTIL THEY SEE HOW SOUTH AFRICANS RESPOND TO DEMARCHE. END FYI.

5. IT ALSO OCCURS TO US THAT IN THE PROBABLE EVENT ACTION IS POSTPONED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, VORSTER MAY SEEK TO MAKE THE CONTENT OF SUCH DECLARATION A SUBJECT FOR NEGOTIATION IN WHATEVER CONTACT GROUP IS ESTABLISHED. IF VORSTER IN FACT SHOULD RAISE THE ISSUE, DURING MEETING WITH FIVE AMBASSADORS, YOU SHOULD RESPOND THAT IT IS YOUR INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE DECLARATION IS BEING DISCUSSED
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IN NEW YORK AND ITS TENOR WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE WESTERN DEMARCHE. YOU SHOULD DISCOURAGE VORSTER FROM BELIEVING THAT WE WOULD NEGOTIATE ITS CONTENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

6. RE PARA 3 REF C DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT FIVE WESTERN AMBASSADORS INITIAL AIDE MEMOIRE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS PRIOR TO DELIVERY TO VORSTER.

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